

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: AL ANWAR ARTICLE

REF: STATE 043018

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN AL ANWAR  
MAR 7: ( AND REPORTED BEIRUT 2667).

QUOTE: BAGHDAD - FROM GHAZI AL AYYASH. PALESTINIAN  
SOURCES IN BAGHDAD DISCLOSED THAT BSO HAD PLANNED KIDNAP  
U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS, BUT CALLED OPERATION  
OFF ONLY FEW HOURS BEFORE APPOINTED TIME.

SOURCES REPORTED IT HAD BEEN DECIDED CARRY OUT THIS  
OPERATION DURING SECY ROGERS' VISIT TO GULF STATES LAST  
YEAR. IN FACT, SIX FEDAYEEN WENT TO A GULF STATE 4 DAYS  
PRIOR TO THE AMERICAN SECY'S ARRIVAL.

PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID IT WAS DECIDED CANCEL THIS  
OPERATION TEN HOURS BEFORE ITS EXECUTION -- NOT BECAUSE  
OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS BUT FOR OTHER REASONS BLACK  
SEPTEMBER LEADERS FOUND COMPELLING.

AS PART OF PLANNED OPERATION, FEDAYEEN WERE TO HAVE  
HELD ROGERS HOSTAGE UNTIL CERTAIN DEMANDS WERE MET,  
INCLUDING RELEASE OF SIRHAN BESHARA SIRHAN WHO WAS CON-  
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VICTED FOR MURDERING SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY. UNQUOTE.  
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